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Chairman Chat

with Chris Noble M.B.E.

Good afternoon to everyone and I hope you are all well.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome to the Olympic Legacy Park, the home of Sheffield Eagles Rugby League Football club, for this their first visit to our new home or our return to the City of Sheffield, Featherstone Rovers with their Chairman Mark Campbell and other their other Directors, backroom staff and of course their spectators I hope you have a good afternoon at the new stadium for this afternoon game which as we are all aware a game of great importance to both teams as we are both fighting to amass as many points as possible at the moment albeit for different reasons Featherstone to gain the points to keep up the challenge for top four spots in the division and Sheffield Eagles to move further away from the relegation part of the division.

Featherstone Rovers is a well-coached, team and they will throw everything at us this afternoon to walk away with the spoils. However this is the time that Sheffield Eagles need to show just what we are made of and build on the great result at Batley Bulldogs. Last time out where we showed grit and determination throughout the game and it was a totally different Sheffield Eagles than turned out the week before at home to Swinton Lions in a game we should have won but didn't we just allowed the Lions to roar.

It would be remiss of me not to mention and congratulate Kevin, Paul and everyone at Batley Bulldogs on the day out last Sunday. Yes, it was a game of rugby league, which to all of us is so important but more than that Batley Bulldogs used the day, once again to celebrate the life of Jo Cox the MP for Batley and Spen who was so tragically taken from them all two years earlier on the 13th June 2016. All Jo's family and friends were at the game and the staff at Batley Bulldogs had done a terrific job in arranging all kinds of entertainment for the children and adults as well as admitting everyone to the ground free of charge so they could all celebrate Jo's life and achievements, congratulations to you all at Batley Bulldogs from everyone at Sheffield Eagles. I reiterate what I wrote in my last Chairman's Chat today's game has got to be the game where the players show our home spectators that the game they watched at home last time we played here, against Swinton Lions was not what this team should be expecting. After today's game we play the top two teams in the division Toulouse Olympique X111 at home and Toronto Wolfpack away in Toronto both games I am certain will be mountains to climb to win, but both are achievable, as, in my opinion, the greatest sportsman I ever met one Muhammad Ali sold-

'Champions aren't made in gyms, champions are made from something they have deep inside them, a desire, a dream, and a vision. They have to have fast minute stamina, they have to be a little faster, they have to have a skill and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill'

You may have seen on our website that Sheffield Eagles would like all our fans to sign up to the RFL's new 'Our League' membership scheme. 'Our League' features rugby league news, comments and competitions. Membership is free and the Sheffield Eagles benefit every time an Eagles fan becomes a member. By joining you are confirming your support for rugby league in general and that you are an Eagles supporter. It is extremely important that the Eagles show the value to Rugby league as a whole and we need as big as membership as possible from our supporters and their families.

Enjoy the game
Very Best Regards

Chris Noble MBE



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Tubby Talk

with Mark Aston



We are long overdue a performance here at the OLP, and after victory at Batley last weekend we have the perfect platform to finally give our home fans something to cheer after the disappointment last time out here against Swinton.

I thought that we actually started the Swinton game really well, but we went away from the game plan and they just wanted it more. That was really disappointing but we still had enough opportunities in the game to win. It was a tough defeat to take and it really bunched up the bottom of the table, but I always felt that we could go to Batley and get a result.

It was a game I felt we needed to win and Matty James got an early try which gave us a platform but we weren't great in that opening and overall it wasn't a vintage performance. Whilst I wasn't overjoyed with the display, it was the result that mattered especially when you consider how the other teams around us did last weekend. It has just moved us a little further away from the relegation places, but crucially it also dragged Batley back into the mix which is important as we don't want the likes of Batley and Barrow to get away from us. We haven't had much luck this season but I certainly felt we got the rub of the green when you consider the two tries we got from the interceptions. Looking back over it, we didn't find that elusive 80 minute performance but I also feel that we have played much better than that in games this season but we haven't got the result. We lost Josh Taale just before kick off last weekend which was disappointing for Josh who hasn't had much luck on the injury front this season. Greg Burns came in and got an opportunity, but we are hopeful that Josh will be fine for today and that we will have a full squad to choose from. We didn't have anything else go against us on the injury front so we will see how the lads are this week and hopefully come today I will have a full squad to again select from.

Today we welcome Featherstone and the start of a tough run of fixtures, but as I said after the game against Batley, if we can somehow put together an 80 minute display I feel we have enough to challenge anyone in this league. We are certainly looking forward to the contest and determined to give the home fans a long awaited performance.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the game.

Tubbs

Todays Visitors

Featherstone arrived here at the Olympic Legacy Park this afternoon looking for their third consecutive win in June and to strengthen their current third place position in the Championship, achieving again a much sought-after place in the Super 8 Qualifiers and the increase central funding this provides.

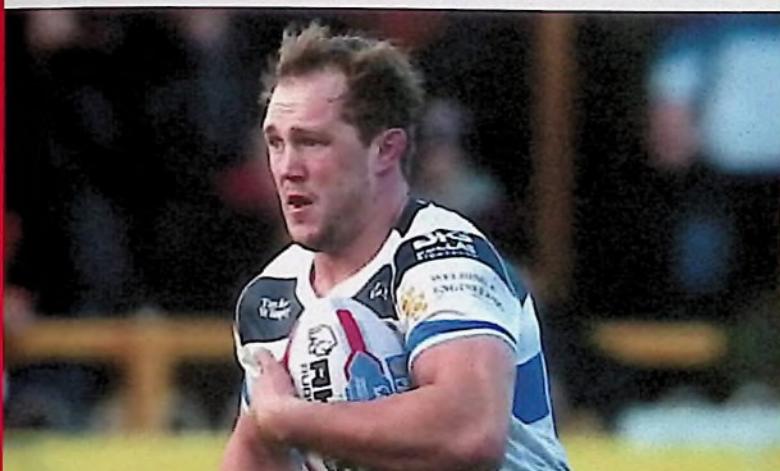
As stated, the Rovers are currently third in the Super League table on 24 points (level with Toulouse) with 12 wins from 17 matches so far. Halifax (23) and Leigh and London (both 22) are hot on their heels. Those five defeats have come at the hands of their top four rivals, suffering one defeat against Halifax, Leigh, Toulouse, Toronto and London each however they have been victorious in their other fixtures against Toulouse and Leigh.



Against other opposition in the Betfred Championship the Rovers have dominated the majority of these fixtures with convincing, high scoring wins. The Rovers last weekend put Barrow Raiders to the sword with a 52-4 victory, with Luke Cooper scoring a brace. The prop forward who wears No.17 Jersey has been in fine form for the Rovers. He has now scored three tries in the past two weeks after not scoring a try in his previous 54 professional appearances.

Another forward who has been in great of late for Featherstone is ex-Eagles Scott Wheeldon. Wheeldon who joined the West Yorkshire side in the off-season from

Sheffield celebrated his 300th career appearance last weekend and the birth of his son, Issac.



Another ex-Eagles in Keal Carlile will be a threat in the hooker position and will look to control proceeding today along with halves Matty Wildie and Anthony Thackeray. Tom Holmes was previously present in the halves but unfortunately suffered a season ending injury in their defeat at the Summer Bash.

The player to watch has to be Misi Taulapapa who will be well known to the majority of Eagles supporters today. He was a pivotal member of Mark Aston's squad for over five years, helping the club to three grand finals with two back-to-back victories and in his final season helped the club reach the Super 8 Qualifiers in 2015.

A 'winner' in all aspects of his game, he is strong, aggressive and dominant in the centre position and will be a huge threat for the men in Red & Gold today.



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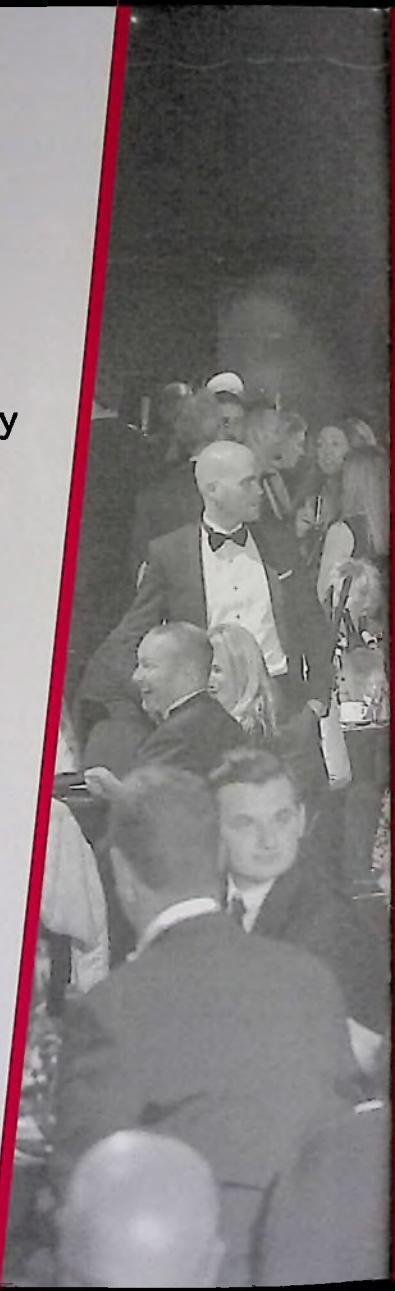
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Commercial Corner

with Mark Hannigan

Welcome back again to the Olympic Legacy Park for todays fixture against Featherstone Rovers. I would specifically like to welcome the Directors, Players and Staff from London Bronco's as well as all the fans, both home and away.

Than you ta days Big Match Sponsor, DC Builders. You support is very much appreciated and I hope you enjoy your day with us.



Also upstairs today we have Adam Claydon and his family fram Kit Sponsors, Claydon Accountancy and David Craft on his guests join us. We also welcome Builders Merchant Co. Ltd who are kit sponsor for Simon Brown. Again we hope you enjoy your afternoon.

Just looking back to the last game , I would like to thank David Craft for selecting Josh Toole as our Man of The Match. David is pictured presenting the award to Josh.

This is my first full season working with not only The Eagles, but with a professional sports club. The work that goes in behind the scenes is truly incredible, specifically from Tubbs and Liam on a day to day basis, coupled with the support of our chairman, Chris Noble. On top of the staff, I would like to mention the people who, from my perspective, make match days in the corporate area possible. Firstly, The UTC and their staff have been exceptionally kind in giving us access to the corporate area and the viewing balcony as well as providing assistance on Match Days. Secondly to Kevin and Carrie Platts from the Rotherham Hog Roast company. Not only do they keep all the fans fed on a match day, they also provide and exceptional meal every game upstairs. Finally to Ted and his team from the Itchy Pig who keep everyone watered. Thank you for all your support.

Just a reminder that we also have our next business lunch taking place on Friday 29th June and it is the last one at Baldwins Omega before it closes. Our lunches are always popular and attract circa 200 people on average. We are expecting this one to sell out very quickly and, if you are interested in attending, I would ask you to book early to avoid missing out. Again, if you would like to attend, please drop me an email to mark.hannigan@sheffieldeagles.com

As always, Thank you for your support and If you know anyone who would be interested in a sponsorship opportunity with the club, please get in touch with me.

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Strength And Conditioning

with Simon Vardy

Today I thought we'd take a look at some of our warm-up protocols. It's a very important part of our preparation throughout the year, but especially now when we're getting into the thick of the season and we're trying to keep our players in the best condition possible, minimise niggles and at least not exacerbate and more serious injuries. A huge part of this is warming up and cooling down at training and game day.



Warm-ups normally always follow a simple process called RAMP (Raise, Activate, Mobilise and Potentiate). We have quite a few variations we can use to work along these guidelines, so we try to use a lot of variations to avoid staleness in the training environment (which easily leads to boredom and players being disengaged). Quite often a training session will start off with some sort of short game (offside touch etc) or simple skills (ball through hands, crisscross etc) aimed at being low intensity (50% effort and gradually raising). Something we have to keep a close eye on with this is making sure we don't push the effort level too high, too quickly on this which is all too easy to do.

From here we will then move on to the activation and mobilisation stages using dynamic stretch's, gradually building in intensity from a slower activation focus, to a slightly faster dynamic mobility focus. Finally the guys will move on to the coaches to do more skilled based work for potentiation and into the full session.

Comparatively on a game day we try and keep things pretty similar to maintain the regularity and the comfort factor for the players of knowing what they are coming into week in and week out. Our raise portion of the warm up here is done through a steady run through with the guys just getting ball through hand and coupled with dynamics and activation/mobilisation. We then split for a few minutes potentiation with specific skills before coming back together again for more mobilisation. Next we finish with some final potentiation work with some specific skill work around the ruck and a final team sprint. What this allows us to do is maximise the time we have to hit all areas, but also work on key skills we need to think about prior to the game.

All in all this approach gives us a lot of different ways we can approach preparing the players but whichever way we do go should put the players in a good position ready to hit training in full stride."

Cheers,

Si



Chaplaincy

with Baz Gascayne

Let's Stick Together

I love this song by Bryan Ferry; a great tune & lyrics which could be our anthem at this present moment.

Even before a ball is kicked or a tackle is made on game day, so much hard work has gone on behind the scenes, including the morning of the game, so the team can go out and try to put into play what they have practiced during that week.

One thing I'm certain of: no player goes out on the field intending to make mistakes or play badly. But as with everything in life, this does occur now and again and what we need to ensure as fans is that we get behind the team constantly.

Michael Jordan once said:

"Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation."

Great advice and a great motivation.

It can be easy when things are not going the way we want or like to allow that to hold us back. The alternative is to use it as a spring board to bounce back, knowing that we can and will bounce back stronger.

*"Together we'll stand
Divided we'll fall
Come on now people
Let's get on the ball
And work together.
Come on, come on
Let's work together."*

Good things come to those who work for it. Robert Schuller said:

"Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do."

There is no denying that it has been a tough season for us so far but when we have all stuck together and worked for each other we have seen the fruits of our labour - on and off the field. We've got to stay strong to be strong in the tough times.

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up. Let's continue on and off the field to be people who stick together and keep on fighting for this great club.

And finally, Thomas Edison once said

"The three things that are most essential to achievement are common sense, hard work and stick - to - it - iv- ness."

Happy stick-to-it-iv-ness!

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Eagles Stats

with Nigel Barham

A short look back to happier days 5 years ago at the club and for the younger supporter a reflection of what were recent glory days. The headline for the match played on 29th June 2013 read: "Sheffield Eagles strengthened their grip at the top of the Kingstone Press Cider Championship on Thursday evening as they secured a 14-8 victory over the Bulldogs in an error-strewn encounter in appalling conditions." The press reported - "Lucky 13 wins? No Eagles deserved it! It may not be pretty but Sheffield Eagles' coach Mark Aston isn't worried as long as his team stay top of the Championship. The Eagles showed themselves masters of difficult conditions - as in torrential rain - when they ground out a 14-8 victory at Batley. It put six points between the Eagles and third-placed Batley at the top of the table and boosted hopes of a first ever league leaders' shield. Those were the days!

Pete Green became 39th member of the 100 Club on 17th February against Leigh, Dom Brambana became 39th on 24th May against Halifax, scoring 5 goals and a drop goal, and Joe Hirst the 40th member on 28th June when he also scored a try against Doncaster.

In the match preview for the game against Swinton on 5th July, I wrote the following :

"Menzie Yere needs 1 try to make 100 in his Eagles career. [Daryl Powell scored 114 in 312 games at a strike rate of 0.365 tries per game, Menzie is on 0.755 tries per game (in 131 games)]. "QLT" needs one try for 80... his strike rate is 1.03 tries per game. Andrew Henderson's next game is his 90th for Eagles. Misi Taulapapa needs 4 tries for 50 and 4 more games for his 100th game. Michael Knowles' next game will be his 50th. Dominic Brambani needs 1 goal for 70 and 1 point for 160 in championship games this season; 5 points for 450 in Eagles career. Menzie, QLT, Mitch Stringer, Dom, Henda have played in every Championship game this season.

QLT scored his 100th try against Swinton on 4th July at OVS. That was the 15th consecutive win , and Menzie scored 4 tries in the win!!

Dan Fowler talks to Mark Offerdahl



DF: Mark, we got back to winning ways on Sunday with a victory over Batley. How important was it to put in a good performance after the Swinton loss?

MO: It was really important. It's all about staying out of that relegation zone. We all thought we were going to beat Swinton but things didn't go the way we planned. We were always in reach of winning against Batley and we had to turn up with the right attitude to win or nothing was going to happen.

DF: Obviously Batley have some big players in the pack but we seemed to match them all the way didn't we?

MO: Jonny Magrin made gains and the other middles, Picky, Weldon came on and even Menzie played in the middle. We held our own and it was good to see.

DF: The win has given us a four-point buffer between ourselves and the relegation zone. I'm guessing it's all about looking up rather than over our shoulder now?

MO: Yeah, we have got three big games coming up now against teams in the top four. It's going to be a real big test for us but there's nothing to say we can't knock a few of them off to be honest.

DF: *We welcome Featherstone to the OLP this afternoon. How much of a challenge is it going to be as they did a number on us earlier on in the campaign?*

MO: *That was pretty embarrassing at Featherstone that day. Hopefully we can get something back on them but we have still got a lot of work to do. It hasn't been the best season so we have got work to do but it'll be great to be competitive and get the win against Featherstone.*

DF: We haven't really hit our straps at home this season. Do you think it'll take a big performance against a Featherstone or a Toulouse to spark us into life?

Mark Offerdahl – Quick Fire Round

Favourite drink: either alcoholic or soft: Coffee

Favourite movie: Super Troopers

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Favourite car: The Rover

Signature dish: Steak

Funniest teammate: Greg Burns

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Last week was undoubtedly one of the most volatile in recent rugby league history. The fall-out from the unveiling of Robert Elstone as the new Super League chief executive went well beyond his appointment, when those present chose to state that this season was set to be the last of current structure. It quickly emerged that was not a decision the Super League clubs alone can take, and was a bold move that angered both Leeds and many of those outside the top flight, who queued up to condemn it through statements of their own.

So where do we go from here?

The good news for supporters of Championship and League 1 clubs is that their representatives appear galvanised by what has unfolded, and appear as united and well organised as in memory. Those clubs have their own advisory group, who issued a detailed release last weekend outlining their stance on the situation.

The statement read: "The position of the 'Advisory Group' has consistently been one whereby the best interests of rugby league must rank ahead of the needs of a few wealthy club owners.

"And that importantly a competition structure and format, with associated funding is in place until the end of 2021, and that any changes prior to 2021 would require the agreement of the Championship and League 1 clubs, in consultation with the RFL and its broadcast partners.

"Otherwise no changes could be contemplated or sanctioned to the competition or funding structure prior to the expiry of the existing agreements which run until the end of 2021. It continued: "Championship and League 1 Clubs will continue to engage in respectful and appropriate discussion about the future of our sport, in accordance with the RFL constitution, which all UK clubs are bound by.

"Decisions about the leagues competition structure, which have profound implications for all clubs and all divisions are whale of game issues and require dialogue and consultation, with if necessary votes at the games supreme chamber, the RFL Council when all RFL members can express their view.

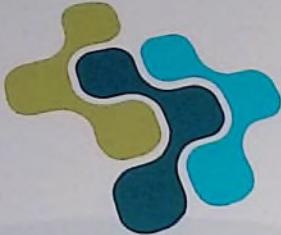
"It is not for a private company or a newly appointed executive who has not sought the views of the sport to simply state what the future structure and funding arrangements of the sport will be.

"Championship and League 1 clubs regret very much the current tactics and behaviour of some fellow RFL members which we believe is immensely damaging and undermining to all stakeholders, and puts at risk valuable assets and broadcast contracts both now and in the future."

This much is clear - the sport now needs strong leaders and mediators to bring the two parties back together, for the better of rugby league as a whole.

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with Liam Claffey

Good Afternoon Everyone, after a very disappointing defeat here against Swinton it was great for all concerned to get back to winning ways against Batley. It was an honour that as a club were a part of the #MoreInCommon event, celebrating the life and legacy of Jo Cox MP. It was the second year that we were part of this event at The Fox's Biscuits Stadium and was fantastic to see nearly 2,500 there. A large part of my time at the moment is being spent preparing for the Toronto trip early next month. Compared to our trips to Toulouse there is a lot more work that has to go into the Toronto trip.

From visas for all players and backroom staff, creating a schedule and itinerary for the five days and organising travel in Toronto (as well as back from Glasgow airport on the Monday!) it's a lot of work for a Championship side.

We are expected to fund food / drink / travel etc. over the five days (apart from breakfast) compared to Toulouse where everything is included. It's difficult for a part-time club like ourselves especially with some of our players having to take time off work to take part in the trip.

I've no doubt it's a fantastic experience but I think some of the expectations of Clubs going to Toronto need to be look at however if the Wolfpack make the jump to Super League next season I'm sure clubs in that division will be able to cope better with demands the trip entails.

Turning to Super League and the past few weeks it seems like we are one of the only clubs not to make a 'statement' on the ongoing future of the sport after new Super League CEO Robert Elstone announced that the Super 8's was to be scrapped. This was premature with an RFL announcement the following day stating such.

Personally, I've no issues with Super League being in control of their own destiny when it comes to Broadcasting rights, commercial partnerships and other areas such as the Magic Weekend and the Grand Final. However, changes to the structure of the sport affect all three divisions and all need to be consulted and a decision then made that is of the consensus of the majority.

With just over 7 months until the start of next season I can't see how the league structures can be change now but I guess we will just have to wait and see. The major concern is that some in Super League want to lessen, or withdraw completely, the funding Championship & League One clubs received. If this happens it would be the death knell for many clubs and the sport needs a strong structure below the top flight.

The likes of Luke Gale, Alex Walmsley, Chris Hill (our own QLT) to name just a few plied their trade at this level before making the step up to Super League and withdrawing funding will only confirm our status as a minority sport. Turning to other matters I would like to mention Kat Dawson who is departing shortly for Australia. Kat has been involved with the club as a physio for 10 years now, starting with the scholarship, academy and reserves and working her way up to first team physio. Kat was due to depart at the end of last season after working with the Ireland but delays with visas and other things mean we've been able to keep her with us for just a few months more! On behalf of everyone at the club I would like to wish Kat all the best in her new life in Wallangong and thank her for her efforts over the past 10 years.



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Date	KO/RESULT	OPPONENT	VENUE	COMP	ATTENDANCE
02-Feb	20-18	Dewsbury Rams	The Tetley's Stadium	C	808
11-Feb	30-10	Halifax RLFC	The Mbi Shay Stadium	C	1513
17-Feb	50-8	Toulouse Olympique XIII	Stade Ernest Argeles	C	1533
25-Feb	58-14	Featherstone Rovers	LD Nutrition Stadium	C	2048
11-Mar	10-44	Toronto Wolfpack	Olympic Legacy Park	C	868
18-Mar	28-18	Barrow Raiders	Craven Park	CC	883
25-Mar	36-22	Barrow Raiders	Craven Park	C	1231
30-Mar	38-20	Rochdale Hornets	Olympic Legacy Park	C	516
02-Apr	14-28	Batley Bulldogs	Olympic Legacy Park	C	597
08-Apr	18-19	Swinton Lions	Heywood Road	C	532
15-Apr	20-72	Leigh Centurions	Olympic Legacy Park	C	982
29-Apr	16-38	Rochdale Hornets	Crown Oil Arena	C	459
08-May	6-42	Halifax RLFC	Olympic Legacy Park	C	891
13-May	14-88	London Broncos	Olympic Legacy Park	C	761
20-May	46-12	London Broncos	Trailfinders Sports Ground	C	903
26-May	22-38	Barrow Raiders	Bloomfield Road, Blackpool	C	568
10-Jun	18-29	Swinton Lions	Olympic Legacy Park	C	872
17-Jun	20-38	Batley Bulldogs	The Fox's Biscuits Stadium	C	2328
24-Jun	15-00	Featherstone Rovers	Olympic Legacy Park	C	
01-Jul	15-00	Toulouse Olympique XIII	Olympic Legacy Park	C	
07-Jul	15-00	Toronto Wolfpack	Lamport Stadium	C	
15-Jul	15-00	Dewsbury Rams	Olympic Legacy Park	C	
22-Jul	15-00	Barrow Raiders	Olympic Legacy Park	C	
29-Jul	15-00	Leigh Centurions	Leigh Sports Village	C	

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Our Last Outing...

Sheffield Eagles got back to winning ways in the Betfred Championship with a vital 38-20 victory over Batley Bulldogs at the Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Following last weekend's defeat to Swinton Lions, the Eagles needed to find a positive response and they got just that in West Yorkshire.

Three tries in each half, complemented by seven goals from the boot of **Cory Aston**, gave Sheffield the spoils.

The game was part of the Great Get Together, an event inspired following the tragic death of **Jo Cox MP**.

In the lead-up to kick-off, a rousing minute's applause took place in memory of Cox and former Batley chairman **Ron Earnshaw**.

The Eagles got off to the best possible start as they opened the scoring after three minutes. Club captain **Matt James** powered on to a **Corey Makelum** pass and the Bulldogs defence couldn't stop the forward. Aston converted.

Batley forged a response from their next set. A penalty put the hosts in prime position and **Jason Crookes** crossed from dummy-half. **Dave Scott** levelled the scores.

The thrilling start to the match continued when Sheffield regained the lead on 13 minutes. **Adam Swift** found a gap in the Batley rear-guard and the centre kicked forward for **Matty Fozard** to capitalise on a deceiving bounce. Aston added the extras.

Sheffield were pegged back later on in the half, once again conceding from dummy-half, as **Reiss Butterworth** found his way through. Scott converted.

With nine minutes of the half remaining, Swift came up with a piece of magic as he broke the defensive line from a scrum and had too much pace for the chasing defenders. Aston goaled from the corner.

The half-back and Batley's Scott exchanged penalty goals in the latter stages of the half, with Sheffield going into the break 20-14 up.

Unlike the opening half, it took almost 20 minutes for the first points to be scored. Sheffield turned defence into instant attack through

Ryan Millar, who intercepted and juggled a Bulldogs pass before going the length of the field. Aston converted.

In the final quarter, Batley registered yet another dummy-half try as they kept themselves in with a shout. Ex-Eagle **James Davey** exposed the defence and got on the scoresheet. Scott goaled for a six-point ball game.

But as they did earlier in the contest, Sheffield came up with another interception – this time on the other wing – to put some daylight between the sides. **Ben Blackmore** latched on to a Butterworth pass and the winger, despite valiant chasing from **Lewis Galbraith**, went over by the sticks. Aston converted and then had a chance to extend the Eagles' lead to 34-20 after Scott had kicked out on the full. However, the penalty attempt from halfway didn't have the distance. In the dying embers of the contest, Sheffield registered their final try as **Spedding** touched down after Galbraith knocked on an Aston grubber. The latter converted.

By **Dan Fowler**, photo by **Alex Coleman**



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Eagles Teaser. Before joining Leeds Rhinos, Keith Senior made 140 appearances for which Yorkshire club?

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